

GRACE! LIVING!

Living Lives That We Don't Deserve: Part 17
Ephesians 5:15–17

Happiness

- God wants you to be happy.
- Every person in the world wants to be happy.
- Nowhere does God tell us to stop seeking happiness but to stop seeking it in one way and to start seeking it in another.

The key to having true and lasting happiness is found in whether you live wisely or like a fool.

A fool does not recognize God as the authority in his/her life.

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God
"They are corrupt, they have committed
abominable deeds; There is no one who does
good.

–Ps. 14:1

A fool believes that he/she has authority over their own life.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

–Prov. 12:15

A fool will justify, deny and even mock sin in his/
her life.

Fools mock at sin, but among the upright there is
good will.

–Prov. 14:9

A fool lives his/her life based on his/her own opinions.

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, but the mouth of fools spouts folly.
–Prov. 15:2

A fool contaminates the rest of society with this same foolishness.

Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it, but the discipline of fools is folly.

–Prov. 16:22

Happy is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gets understanding.

–Prov. 16:22

The wise will follow God's principles.

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise

–Eph. 5:15

- Because they fear the Lord.
- Because they are humble.

The wise will follow God's priorities.
making the most of your time, because the days
are evil.

–Eph. 5:16

The wise will follow God's plan.
So then do not be foolish, but understand what
the will of the Lord is.

–Eph. 5:17

How do I become a wise person?

1. Desire it.

Prize her, and she will exalt you; She will honor you if you embrace her.

–Prov. 4:8

2. Study and meditate on God's Word.

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

–Ps. 19:7

3. Pray for it.

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

–James. 1:5

4. Think about your death

So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

–Ps. 90:12

5. Come to Jesus.

The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, (B) something greater than Solomon is here.

–Mt. 12:42

God has designed the world in such a way that the more we glorify God the happier we will be.